

DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE
SPECIAL OPERATIONS DIVISION
INSPECTION OF NONPUBLIC MOTOR VEHICLES

(By authority conferred on the department of state police by section 715a of Act No. 300 of the Public Acts of 1949, as amended, being S257.715a of the Michigan Compiled Laws)

R 257.951 Definition.

Rule 1. As used in these rules, "act" means Act No. 300 of the Public Acts of 1949, as amended, being S257.1 et seq. of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

History: 1982 AACS.

R 257.952 Yellow motor vehicles transporting school pupils; requirements.

Rule 2. Motor vehicles which are subject to inspection pursuant to section 715a of the act, which are, in whole or in part, school bus chrome yellow or any color commonly referred to as yellow, and which are engaged in the transportation of pupils shall comply with all department of education requirements for school buses set forth in R 340.1201 to R 340.1216; except that vehicles which are manufactured before the effective date of these rules and which have a rated seating capacity of 60 or more passengers are not required to be equipped with an air brake system.

History: 1982 AACS.

R 257.953 Motor vehicles not engaged in transporting school pupils; yellow paint prohibited.

Rule 3. Motor vehicles which are subject to inspection pursuant to section 715a of the act and which are not engaged in the part-time or full-time transportation of school pupils shall not be painted, in whole or in part, school bus chrome yellow or any color commonly referred to as yellow.

History: 1982 AACS.

R 257.954 Non-yellow motor vehicles; equipment required to be in operating condition.

Rule 4. Motor vehicles which are subject to inspection pursuant to section 715a of the act and which are not painted, in whole or in part, school bus chrome yellow or any color commonly referred to as yellow shall have all equipment required by the act in operating condition.

History: 1982 AACS.

R 257.955 Inspection of school bus, bus, or motor vehicle; rejection for use in transporting passengers; affixing of stickers to unsafe, unsatisfactory, or satisfactory vehicles required.

Rule 5. (1) The inspection of a school bus, bus, or other motor vehicle will be accomplished annually, and more frequently if defects are found in the organization's vehicles, to determine if the vehicles meet the specifications of the department of state police.

(2) A school bus, bus, or motor vehicle may be rejected by the inspecting state official for use in transporting passengers if it does not meet the requirements of these rules or if the conditions responsible for the rejection of the vehicle are not corrected while the official is present.

(3) A vehicle that is determined by a state police official to be unsafe for further operation as a school bus, bus, or motor vehicle shall not be used in the transportation of any passengers. An unsafe vehicle shall have affixed to its windshield, by the state police official, a red sticker which shall read as

follows: "This bus may not be driven in the transportation of any passenger. Utilization of this vehicle to transport passengers is in violation of law. [reverse side] Do not remove without State Police authorization." The sticker shall remain until the vehicle is reinspected by a state police official.

(4) A school bus, bus, or motor vehicle which is deemed to be in unsatisfactory condition, but which is safe for operation, shall have affixed to its windshield by the state police official, a yellow sticker which shall read as follows: "This bus has equipment defects. [reverse side] Repairs and reinspection shall be obtained on or before. Do not remove without State Police authorization." The sticker shall remain until the vehicle is reinspected by a state police official. If, upon reinspection, the vehicle defect has not been repaired, replaced, or corrected, the state police official shall remove the yellow sticker and affix a red sticker to the vehicle. Exceptions may be made when the necessary parts or equipment has been ordered but not received at the time of reinspection. Reinspection may take place within 60 days of the original inspection.

(5) A vehicle which is deemed to be in satisfactory condition after inspection by a state police official shall have a Michigan vehicle inspection passing sticker affixed to its windshield.

History: 1982 AACCS.